

Assembly Bill No. 1144

CHAPTER 313

An act to add Section 5558 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to architectural services.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1144, Bates. Architectural services.

Existing law provides for the licensing and regulation of the practice of architecture by the California Architects Board in the Department of Consumer Affairs.

This bill would require a person holding a license to practice architecture to file with the board a current mailing address and the name and address of the entity through which he or she provides architectural services.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares:

(a) The California Architects Board is charged with regulating the practice of architecture and licensing qualified individuals to provide architectural services in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

(b) Additionally, the board is charged with providing to the public information about licensed architects to allow consumers of architectural services to make informed decisions in selecting a firm or licensee with which to contract for architectural services.

(c) In response to California's diverse business climate and consumer demands, the business structures for providing architectural services have evolved from the traditional sole proprietor to include corporations, professional corporations, partnerships, and limited liability partnerships.

(d) The current information available from the board does not reflect the diverse business structures for providing architectural services in today's marketplace. Therefore, the ability of consumers to obtain information about the architect in responsible control of providing architectural services is unnecessarily impeded.

(e) Furthermore, the board would benefit from information regarding the business entity providing architectural services in order to

communicate with licensees and the public in a more efficient and cost-effective manner.

(f) The Legislature hereby intends that this act authorize the board to obtain critical and necessary information for consumers in today's diverse architectural marketplace.

SEC. 2. Section 5558 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:

5558. Each person holding a license to practice architecture under this chapter shall file with the board his or her current mailing address and the proper and current name and address of the entity through which he or she provides architectural services. For purposes of this section, "entity" means any individual, firm, corporation, or limited liability partnership.

